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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1857

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ET US

SUBJ: PRESENCE OF WESTERN PRESS IN ETHIOPIA

REF: A) STATE 67000, B ADDIS ABABA 1743,

C) STATE 61238

1. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF COURTESY CALL ON NEW FONMIN COL.  
DR. FELLEKE GEDLE-GHIORGIS MORNING MARCH 29 TO MAKE DEMARCHE  
AS INSTRUCTED BY REFTEL (A), REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO OTTAWAY  
AND WASHINGTON POST AND SUBSTITUTING "AMERICAN" FOR "WESTERN"  
IN POINTS MADE PARA 4 REFTEL(C). NOTING ARTICLE ABOUT  
OTTAWAY IN BOTH ADDIS NEWSPATERS (ADDIS 1722), I THEN  
SPECIFICALLY DENIED OTTAWAY HAD ANY CONNECTION WHATSOEVER  
WITH CIA, ADDING THAT I WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH  
PUBLIC LINKING OF HIS NAME WITH CIA, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF  
HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE HERE, BUT ALSO, GIVEN GENERAL ATMOS-  
PHERE OF REPEATED PUBLIC LINKING OF CIA TO ETHIOPIA'S  
"ENEMIES," IN TERMS HIS PHYSICAL SAFETY. IN CONCLUDED BY  
EXPRESSING STRONG HOPE THAT MEDIA BE ASKED REFRAIN FROM  
CARRYING ANY FURTHER ARTICLES LINKING OTTAWAY WITH CIA,  
AND THE FURTHER HOPE THAT EPMG COULD FIND WAY TO  
DISSOCIATE ITSELF FROM ALLEGATION.

2. FELLEKE MERELY PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

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HE EVINced NO SUPRISE WHEN I RAISED MATTER, BUT THAT WAS  
ALMOST CERTAINLY BECAUSE FRENCH AMBASSADOR BARBIER HAD  
SEEN HIM EARLIER THIS MORNING ON ANOTHER MATTER AND,  
ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS, ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY  
RAISE SUBJECT ON BEHALF OF FRENCH PRESS. FELLEKE'S  
REACTION TO FRENCH DEMARCHE WAS THAT HE HAD "NEVER  
HEARD OF " REPORT, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO IT. BOTH BARBIER

AND I EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE ON BEHALF OF OUR GOVERNMENTS  
THAT THERE WAS NO SUBSTANCE TO REPORT.

3. AS SOON AS OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, PAO WILL  
MAKE PARALLEL DEMARCHE TO PERMSEC , MININFO.  
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